## (c) <u>REMARKS</u>

The claims are 1-8 with claim 1 being independent. Claims 1 and 8 have been amended in order to improve their format.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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